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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004. In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect the claims of restriction Group III directed to claims 12-16 for further prosecution in this application.

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